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Examiner: **Robert A. HOPKINS**

For: **IMPROVED FILTERING MEDIUM AND USE OF THE SAID FILTERING MEDIUM
FOR POLLUTION REMOVAL FROM LAGOONS**

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement advanced in the Official Action dated March 24, 2008, which set a nominal response due date of April 24, 2008, applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I (including claims 1-8) drawn to a filter medium including a support based on cellulose and/or natural fibers.

The claims of Group II (i.e., claims 9-20) directed to a patentably distinct invention non-elected for prosecution have been retained herein for the time being. However, the Examiner is authorized to cancel such non-elected claims without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121 should the elected claims otherwise be deemed to be in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable reply on the merits of the elected claims is therefore awaited.